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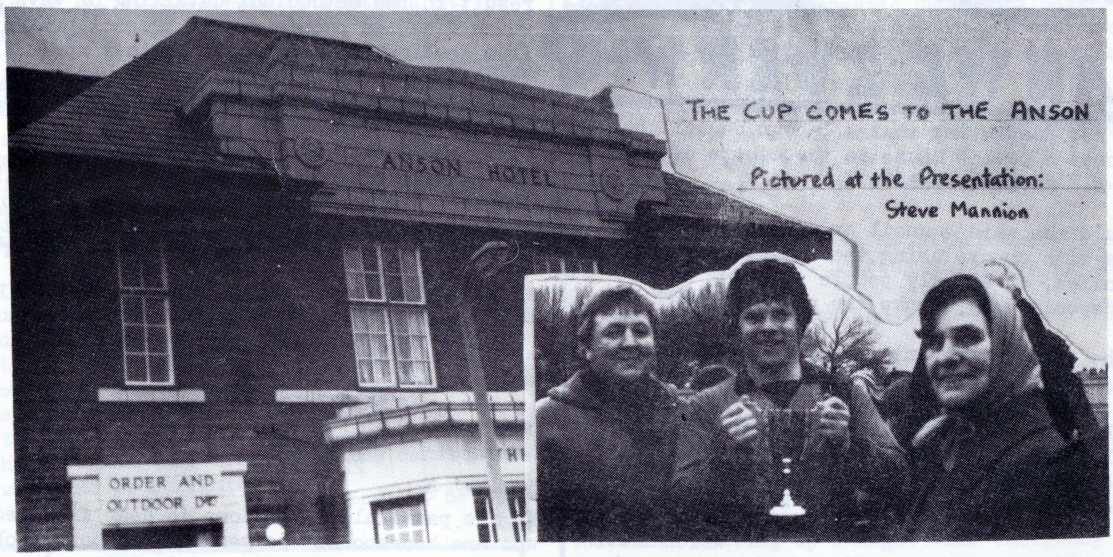


THE CUP COMES TO THE ANSON

Pictured at the Presentation:
Steve Mannion

# ANSON F.C.... A GOOD SEASON!

## On the Spot Report...

### ANSON v. NEWTON HEATH

It was a cool morning on 17th April, when the Anson Football Club lined up against their opponents, NEWTON HEATH F.C. There was a sizable crowd on the Crossley's football ground, who came to spur on their favourite team. This must have given great encouragement to both sides on the ground, and also in the locality from which they came. Anson's team comprised the following:

D. BARTON, T. CULLEN, R. CULLEN, B. MANNION, T. MANNION, S. MANNION, B. MCLELLAN, T. MCLELLAN, W. MECHAM, W. HUNT, N. ALLARD, Res G.BARTON.

The first half hour saw Anson pressurizing Newton Heath, but Newton Heath rebounded, and the pace of their side especially their speedy wingers outmanoeuvered the Anson with some fast footwork. The ball often returned to Anson territory where Newton Heath succeeded in placing the ball in the Anson net 4 times. Their centre forwards and half-backs gave Anson, in spite of great effort on their part, little chance to complete some skilful attacks on the Newton Heath goal; and their goalie was a further barrier to Anson's spirited play.

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## CAN WE EVER WIN?

Is it not disgusting that a labour council has sanctioned a public house in the centre of a row of old peoples flats?

How would the said council or councillors like to cope with drunks using their back door patio as a toilet, or elderly people slipping on excreta deposited by drunks the night before?

When the subject was put to Gerald Kaufman at a meeting he gave a parallel of 3 shops on a new estate, and the one to get priority was a betting shop. How can a worker's representantive stand up in Parliament and make a statement like this? I sincerely hope that in his election address, due soon we hope, Mr Kaufman is so forthright.

"WATCHKEEPER"

Our Longsight councillors must be delighted we live in a rich city, the GMC for instance are giving a rich rugby union club £650 to spend on this year's jubilee, yet our Council raises the rents of football pitches to astronomically high charges. which will mea n the end of the football road for our youngsters.

So next football season should see more vandalism, because our young lads cannot afford to pay for a pitch. As a youth worker, I am sick of this Labour Council, sick of our Councillors' sleepy attitude towards our youth.

## CHALLANGE!!

Has any Labour Concillor in Longsight any guts to meet me in a debate as to why Labour has failed our people locally, or would it be too much of a political embarrassment for them?

V J WOOD, Esq.

## TRANSPORT FOR DISABLED

This letter is aimed at those of your readers who suffer from transport difficulties owing to either physical or mental disability.

The Spastics Society, with financial support from the Job Creation Project, has recently set up a 35 week project investigating transport facilities for the disabled in Greater Manchester. We hope that this research will result in the methodical detailing of ways in which disabled people are at present prevented from leading as full a life as they would like due to transport problems; and we hope that suggestions, which the providing agencies can act upon, will be made.

The success of this research depends on us hearing from the largest possible number of people suffering from transport difficulties due to disability; so can I appeal to anyone so affected to contact the Working Party as soon as possible at the following address:

Transport Research Project,
North Hulme F.E.Centre,
Jackson Crescent,
Hulme,
Manchester 15
226 1219.

We are particularly anxious to hear from people who are housebound because of transport problems arising from disability, and including parents of the multiple handicapped for whom no day care provision is available.

NIGEL SMITH (secretary)

## Thoughts on the Greater Manchester Council

The right to vote is one of the greatest freedoms we have, because here in Britain it is also the right not to vote. Over the last few years the right not to vote has been exercised more and more during local government elections.

The Greater Manchester elections on May 5th is a local government election; but it is concerned mainly with the broader issues of local life. It involves not only the people immediately around us in the city but also all the people in a broad arc across South Lancashire from Wigan to Saddleworth, from Wardle to Hazel Grove.

The money spent by the County is the hard earned money of all ratepayers. All of us. We have recently received a demand for our rates, to be paid either direct to the Town Hall, or with our rent to a private landlord or a Council Housing Dept who are responsible for transferring these payments to the Rates Collection account of Manchester Corporation. Manchester Corporation is then responsible for providing to the County the agreed amount of the rate. Complicated, but it works. WE WANT THIS MONEY SPENT WELL and on those services which are essential to our everyday needs. We don't want

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## Thoughts on the G.M.C. continued

duplication of jobs with the City of Manchester - or any other district council; but we do need more money spending, giving us an adequate police service, better road maintenance, better public transport, on a fire service second to none and a consumer protection service which will give us all the advice and help we need without grandiose equipment.

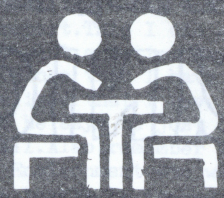
We are fortunate in the Greater M/c area to have the help of the BBC's Radio Manchester service. Long may they serve to give us the help and advice we need, without the tedious trip to Portland St, or any other district office.

A very small part of our rates is spent by the GMC as a grant to voluntary bodies. These societies and groups are associations of local people helping themselves and their neighbours to meet local needs and provide local services. The local authority is often unable to provide the same service. Cutting grants to the voluntary services is very false economy.

How to use your vote - if you use your vote - is the issue all electors must decide by May 5th. Please think about the Greater M/c Council. Think about your vote and what you want from the council over the coming year. Remember it is a service your rates and taxes are paying for. Ask questions about the GMC. Ask questions about the candidates. The answers are your rights.

KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

# LAW CENTRE



We've now been open 9 months and in that time have dealt with a fantastic number of cases - far more than anyone had ever expected - below is a breakdown of the numbers and types of cases:-

*If we continue to expand at the present rate we'll have dealt with over 10,000 enquiries by the end of the year, and have taken on nearly 2,500 cases

* 40%of our cases are to do with housing problems (that's roughly 4000 housing enquiries by the end of the year!)
* 30% cover employment and social security problems.
*and the other 30% of cases are divided between juvenile crime, taxation, debt, matrimonial, accident and consumer problems.
* We appear in court or at industrial or social security tribunals over 30 times a month.
* We are available nearly 50 hours a week, including Saturdays and 2 evenings, and we're involved in setting up a night time emergency phone service which will cover the periods when no other advice centres are open.

Although in theory we should cover the whole of the City of Manchester - almost 550,000 people! - most of our enquiries come from an area of one mile radius around us Clearly there is an urgent need for more Law Centres, and more local advice centres ( such as Slade Lane Advice Centre) to be set up in other areas of the city. But with present cutbacks in government spending this is highly unlikely. Inevitably, many people will lose out from claiming their rights as a result of this political decision

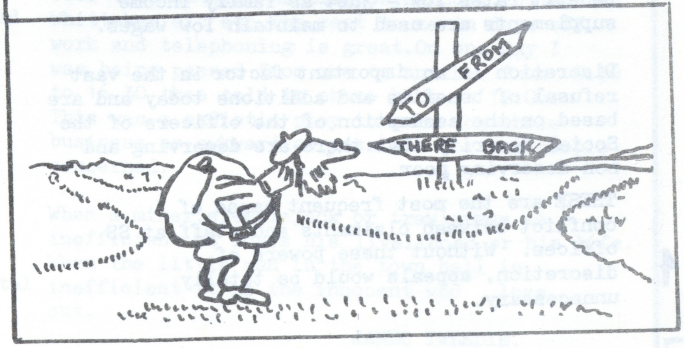
Incidentally we've just written an interim annual report, a copy of which you can pick up at the Law Law Centre if you want to know a bit about what sort of work we do.

LAW CENTRE - 595 STOCKPORT RD. Tel 225 5111.

# GOOD MEDICINE FOR SOME

Giving to a charity which aims to provide a Kidney Machine to save the lives of those in great need makes us all feel good. That feeling helps us to forget that we could have all the Kidney Machines we need if money was provided through the proper channel - the Health Service, instead of being spent in less health-preserving directions. Just as an example, we could have 2,000 Kidney Machines for the price (£10M) of one, just one, of the 368 MRCA Fighter Planes we are buying from West Germany! Many of you will probably have given to a recent appeal aimed at raising the money for a Kidney Machine. When the appeal was launched the price of the machine was £3,200. The target was subsequently set at £4,000 to allow for 25% inflation. The £4,000 was raised but by then the machine was priced at £5,055, a rise of over 50% in about 18 months. The Charity found itself without enough money to buy a machine, whilst the poor kidney complaint sufferers wait - or die
However, making Kidney Machines is obviously highly profitable, and that, not saving lives is the real test of success these days, is it not?

H.J.

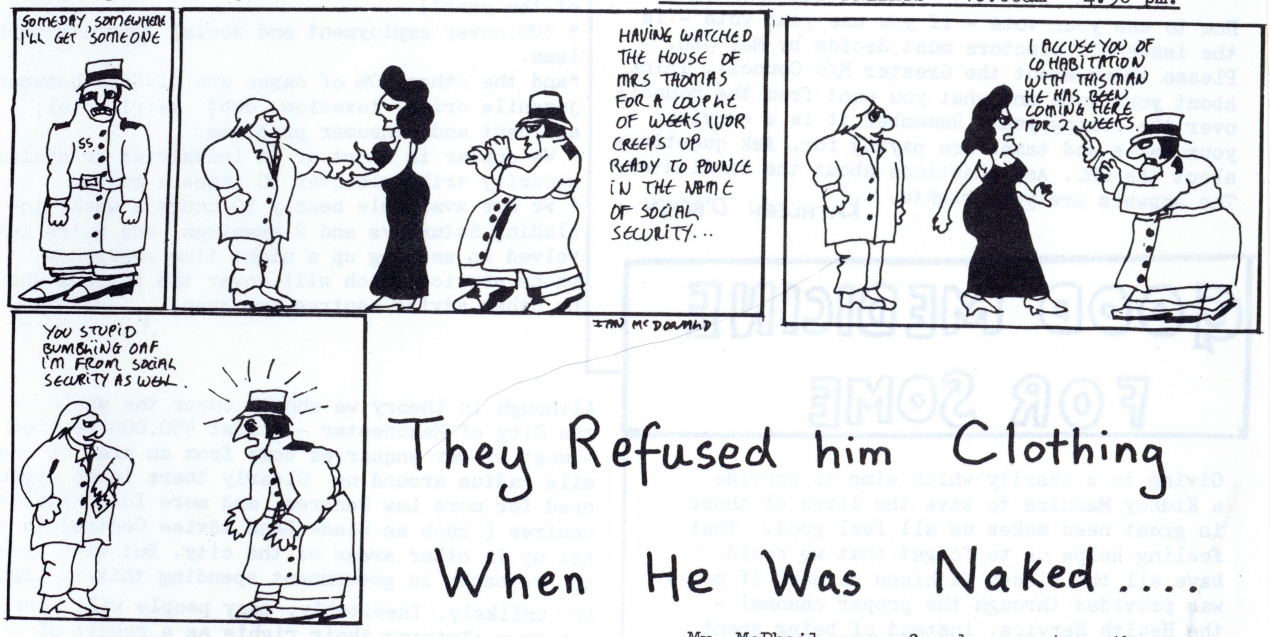


# CLAIMANTS UNION

If you read our article in Longsight News last month you would have found a description of our Union and its aims.
Apparently it did not sink in. WHY?
There are many claimants in Longsight. One only has to go into the Social Security Office any weekday to find this.
3,000 unemployed in Longsight
How many parents?
How many pensioners?
How many handicapped people?
Most people in Longsight are claimants in one way or another. Probably you are - or at least you could be if you took a look at your situation, claiming in one way or another.

Local claimants have a fine opportunity to form as a group in order to discuss problems and fight the many injustices that are an integral part of the modern claiming system
WHY DON'T YOU come along on Wednesdays and/or Fridays to find out what is going on. DON'T LEAVE IT ALONE get here and JOIN IN THE UNION meetings.
THIS IS YOUR UNION!

We would like to see everyone coming to our meetings - not just for advice, but to help other claimants through your own experiences.
If you fall under one of the following categories you are likely to be able to claim.
PENSIONERS/WAR PENSIONERS
WIDOWS
Those suffering from INDUSTRIAL INJURY OR DISEASE
FAMILIES
LOW INCOME EARNERS
UNEMPLOYED
HANDICAPPED OR DISABLED PERSONS
By uniting we will be strong and everyone will benefit. If we don't increase membership, being a claimant will continue to be a severe way of life.
DON'T BE APATHETIC
Take note and come along.
WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS - 10.00am - 4.30 pm.


SOMEDAY, SOMEWHERE I'LL GET SOMEONE
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HAVING WATCHED THE HOUSE OF MRS THOMAS FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS I NOR CREEPS UP READY TO POUNCE IN THE NAME OF SOCIAL SECURITY...
IAN McDONALD
I ACCUSE YOU OF COHABITATION WITH THIS MAN HE HAS BEEN COMING HERE FOR 2 WEEKS.
YOU STUPID BUMBLING OAF I'M FROM SOCIAL SECURITY AS WELL.

# They Refused him Clothing When He Was Naked....

Having hopefully attracted your attention, let us tell you about just one of our cases:-
Mr. Patrick McPhail went into the Social Security office in Clarence Rd. and asked for a clothing grant.
This grant, like other lump payments and emergency grants may be arbitrarily denied.
In our experience, discretionary additions such as this are used simply to keep Supplementary Benefit rates low - just as family income supplements are used to maintain low wages.

Discretion is an important factor in the vast refusal of benefits and additions today and are based on the assumption of the officers of the Social Security that there are deserving and non-deserving poor.

THESE are the most frequent cause of conflict between claimants and staff at SS offices. Without these powers of discretion, appeals would be totally unnecessary.

Mr. McPhail was refused a grant on the grounds that his ONE set of clothing was adequate.

REALLY??

Mr. McPhail is an epileptic and still growing (20 years old). If he needs to go to the laundry, what does he do? Take all his clothes off? If he falls into a fit, what does he do if he collapses and soils or damages his clothes? Very little, one should think.
An appeal was duly set up to which a member of the Claimant's union attended to assist his case.

In the case of Patrick McPhail he won and was awarded £15 towards clothing.
He may not have won so easily on his own.

UNITY IS STRENGTH

LONGSIGHT CLAIMANTS UNION 642 STOCKPORT RD. MANCH

# TOWN HALL VANDALISM

About 3 years ago my neighbour at 30 Peel Grove Longsight found himself in difficulty with his rates as he had spent his life savings in converting his house into 4 flats. As he was a West Indian, he asked me to write to the Town Hall asking them to purchase the house from him or his tenants would be homeless. For months he kept trying to get an answer from the Town Hall but to no avail. Eventually he was served with a summons for the rate arrears. This so incensed him that he closed the house in disgust and went home

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In a very short time the lead stealers and vandals moved in-or tried to. In order to protect myself and my property I used to repair any damage such as broken windows etc to keep up a facade of occupancy. I had clean curtains put up and a second hand door fitted after the door had been smashed in.

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I wrote letters and bombarded the Town Hall to either take over this house or brick it up as it was costing me a lot of money.

At last, in despair, I threatened to write to Granada T.V. to ask them to photograph the house as it had become windowless and doorless and was in a very dangerous state. I was sure someone's child was going to be killed in it. A man from the Town Hall came and asked me not to do anything as he would see to it as soon as he could.

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This was at 4pm on Friday and I was amazed when at 5pm a lorry rolled up and some workmen hammered 2 sheets of corrugated iron one across the front window and the other across the front door-despite the fact that there was no rear door or rear windows.

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This was just a load of "flannel". Eventually in late 1976, because the house had been set on fire on half a dozen occasions, children were being hurt and dossers were in danger of being burned alive. So I demanded that it be bricked up properly or I was going to write to my MP and the newspapers. This frightened someone and they bricked up the doors and the lower windows. The house was then so dangerous that they, to save face, held up the top of the bay windows with 2 planks set in cement-as an ex miner this is the most dangerous work I have ever seen. It has attracted the local children who on one occasion had ropes round the planks-which were exposed to the weather-and were trying to dislodge them. This would have brought the bay down on top of the children.

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Remember that these were two first class houses and that the tenants had to be rehoused ahead of other young couples and that this was through conditions brought on by the Town Hall. This sort of thing leaves the housing list open to abuse. Meanwhile I renewed my pressure on the Town Hall to purchase my own house as it is now nearly a total wreck because of their utter hard hearted negligence.

I was informed that the house would be purchased if I got a timber report. This I did at a cost of £10. On 14.1.77 I was sent a letter saying that a price had been agreed. Since then I have heard nothing. It has to be realised that I have had a solicitor assisting me and he says he just cannot get anywhere with the town hall. Also, remember we are dealing with the Health Dept, Environment etc whose job it is to see that peoples health is looked after, but when you are told over the phone to "piss off" and that tomatoes are worth thinking more of than people

then you will understand what I mean....

I have contacted Gerald Kaufman. He replied by a letter which said, "Thank you for your letter which I have read with great interest and sympathy

I shall of course remain ready to assist you in whatever way I can". This doesn't say much does it?

30 Peel Grove:
Example of Town Hall Inefficiency.

## KOUNCIL KOMEDY

Councillor Roberts is apparently not interested. Winnie Smith doesn't turn up for our interview after I had waited 4 hours in the town hall. Our councillor Roy Ford just wears aprons and funny hats for the benefit of the newspapers. I can't get them to do anything for me however hard I try. I have spoken to a lot more people over this matter:-Mr Simpson, Hancock, Potts, Whittaker etc etc. The cost to me in days off work and telephoning is great. On one day I was being passed from one to another from 9.30 to 16.30 then told to phone back at 19.00. This was a sadistic ploy to make the whole business as awkward as possible for the people concerned.

When a miner, steeplejack or trawlerman is inefficient he loses his livelihood or his life. When the little man in the town hall is inefficient it is the innocent who lose out.

JAMES TWEEDIE.

# THE GROVES

Housing Action Area

In 1973 the Groves were surveyed. They were again surveyed in 1974-75 and 1976, in view of making them into an improvement area or a housing action area. We held public meetings with counciller Anthony Goldstone and other members of Manchester City council. Also at some of the meetings Gerald Kaufman was present.

In 1974, we, in the Groves received General Improvement forms which we duly filled in and returned to the Town Hall. We later received cards stating reference number then we heard nothing until late 1975, then we received a visit from the Chief Public Health Inspector who was concerned that nothing was being done to the properties.

It is now 1977 four years after our first meetings with the Town Hall and only a handful of properties have been improved; despite the area being made into an Action Area in early 1976. It is no wonder that people in the Groves have lost interest.

Gerald Kaufman M.P. quoted 3rd August 1976: "The Groves is a housing Action Area. I regard this as the culmination of all our joint efforts to achieve something for the residents of the Groves and can look forward to a much better future and happier environment."

THE GROVES SILVER JUBILEE PARTY

A meeting was held on 14th February to nominate the Committee and to generally discuss the procedure to be followed for the Jubilee Party. Some very constructive suggestions were put forward and we thank everyone who attended the meeting.

We are organising various ways of raising money for the Party funds and as from this week we will be holding raffles, jumble sales, football cards etc. The three shops on the Groves have kindly offered to take it in turn to provide one hamper per week for raffling and this will begin as from this weekend. Tickets will be on sale either from collectors or from other people who have said they will sell them generally.

Forthcoming Attractions

We are trying to arrange for various activities such as sponsored walks, fancy dress party for children etc. News of these will be given as and when they are arranged.

We have contacted Granada Television to see if they can be of assistance with regard to bunting and decorations for the Groves on the day of the party.

We will be producing regular newsletters to keep you informed as to our progress. Our Secretary is Mrs K. Cresswell, 14 Upper West Grove.

# BIRCH COMMUNITY CENTRE Danes Road

* Work is to begin shortly at the Community Centre where the kitchen and toilet areas are to be improved by the Social Services in preparation for the opening of a new luncheon club for the elderly and disabled. Volunteers, to help lay tables and generally help the club run smoothly, will be appreciated.

* Both the playgroup and the dramatic society would welcome new members. Playgroup meets on weekday mornings 9-12 and the dramatic society from 7.30 on Thursday evenings.

* The following trips will be organised:-
Pilkington's Glass Museum-5th May
Chester Zoo-7th June
Gladstone Pottery Museum-11th June

# SLADE LANE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

## Good News

After months of negotiating with the Town Hall, we have at last reached agreement that 642 Stockport Road can become a community building for the older part of Longsight. We now have to wait for the Housing Committee and the Council to ratify this agreement.

HELP NEEDED : PAID ...

We will probably be able to employ building workers some time in the summer to get the building back into shape so if you are an unemployed building worker, skilled or unskilled, and would like a short-term job of benefit to the community, please let us know.

.... & VOLUNTEERS

If you have any ideas of things needed in the area and would like to help set them up, or would like to join in with activities already started, e.g. Claimants Union, Advice Centre, Childrens Activities, Longsight News, please contact our Secretary, Dot Graham, at 642 Stockport Road. No previous experience is necessary and you can do anything from an hour a week to 60 hours a week!

DRIVERS also urgently needed for our van.

FURNITURE & ELECTRICAL GOODS

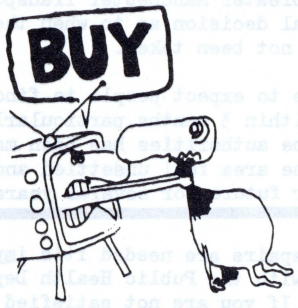
Also we have started a workshop collecting old furniture and repairing it when necessary and repairing electrical goods. So if you have anything like this don't throw it away, donate it to the Centre and it will be repaired and sold cheap to help with the Centre's bills

# BOULDER IN THE PARK

There you stand,
and children stare.
Wondering how on earth
you came there.

An elephant's trunk their fancies see.
I'm sure it did not occur to me.
From Scotland I am told you were borne
On a glacier; now you stand forlorn.
Someone scribbled MANCHESTER UNITED.
I really don't think that they were
invited.

T.P.




# NEWS FROM ADVICE CENTRE

MRS G. HAD BOTH HER GAS AND HER ELECTRICITY CUT OFF. THERE WERE 4 CHILDREN IN THE FLAT. But because of the new rules now covering the Gas and Electric Boards we were able to get both reconnectedfairly quickly. Gas and Electric SHOULD NOT BE CUT OFF IN HARDSHIP CASES - and that includes if you have children - without giving you time to agree terms for paying off the arrears. Also if you are on social security you can now get a FUEL DIRECT ORDER to pay off arrears and reconnection charges as well as your bills. This is not a grant or a gift, it is deducted so much a week from your giro or order book, and if you have already been cut off the Gas and Electric will now reconnect as soon as the fuel direct order has come through from the DHSS.

We have built up good contacts in the Gas and Electricity Boards over the winter so if you are in trouble do pop in and see if we can help.

CHILD BENEFIT. We discovered there is an enormous backlog of applications for Child Benefit. This replaces Family Allowance but is also paid for your first child or an only child. Parents on social security may find they are being deducted each week for money due to them on the child benefit which has not yet come through. If you have only one child and have not yet claimed, do so immediately (forms here and at Post Office). If you claimed before April 4th it should be through in a few weeks, but if you claimed after that date it "goes to the bottom of the queue".

If you haven't yet received your Child Benefit, MAKE SURE IT IS BACK DATED TO 4TH APRIL when you do get it.

ADVICE CENTRE - 642 STOCKPORT RD
Open Mondays 10am - 7.30pm and Thursdays 2-4pm.

# Longsight Community Assoc. (New estate)

The first meeting of the management committee of the newly established Longsight Community Association was held on 28th March. Now that a licence has been granted for the use of the Public Hall as a community centre, groups are already starting to use the hall. The tenants association meet here fortnightly on Tuesdays at 7.30 - 10pm, the Good Companions over-60s Club are still using the hall every Thursday 2-4, and the gardening club also meet every other Tuesday evening. Very soon 2 youth clubs will be run by the Adventure Playground, one for Juniors on Mondays 6-9pm, and Seniors on Thursdays 7-10pm

The Citizens Advice Bureau has also affiliated to the Association and quite a few individuals have joined the association. The annual fee for a group to affiliate to the Association is £3. For this it can use the hall at a greatly reduced charge Individual membership is 50p and 25p for over 60s and under 18s.

The committee hope to hold a dance on 10th June followed by a public meeting on 14th June Anyone wishing to know more about the Association or various groups should contact the Secretary, Evelyn Armstrong, 26 Mull Ave or Gwen and Eleanor at the library

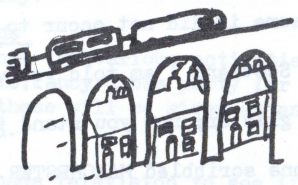
# North Longsight Community Assoc.

c/o 226 Cumbria House, Manchester 12

Just a line for news: we meet at 8pm each Wednesday evening at St Clements Day School (you put the wrong school in the last Longsight News). We have had a very enjoyable evening out at Eccles Labour Club. We had a coachload of 51 and our next trip is to Blackpool on 14th May where we will finish the evening with a visit to the labour club-a friendly welcome awaits everyone along with a game of bingo a cuppa and a natter.

Phyllis Bullock

# Slade Lane Flyover



People living in Belvoir Ave., Woodford Ave., and Hapton St., are still not entirely sure of British Rail's intentions regarding their homes. In April 1976 British Rail announced its intention to acquire the properties but then made no move to issue Compulsory Purchase Notices until 18th March 1977 when residents were told they had to be out of their homes within three months for work to start on 16th June. At the same time it was openly acknowledged by the Greater Manchester Transport Executive that a final decision as to when the work could start had not been taken.

It seems unreasonable to expect people to find new places to live within 3 months, particularly when indecision by the authorities has been making people who live in the area feel unsettled and uncertain about their future for several years.

# TENANTS RIGHTS: HOW TO GET REPAIRS DONE

Longsight has a great deal of older property, either small terraced housing or larger Victorian semis Much of it is now in a very bad state of repair, with dampcourses and wiring needing replacement and roofs and window frames needing repair It's OK if you're in the Housing Action Area AND you can afford the expensive repairs If not, you're in trouble, especially if you're the tenant of a private landlord.

## Landlords

Private landlords fall into 3 categories:

1. small owners with maybe 1 or 2 houses, who are often elderly and can't even afford the cost of repairs to the house they live in. Your best bet here is to try and get the Corporation or a Housing Association to take it over.

2. Landlords who are out for a quick profit, who buy up big old houses and let them out as flats at extortionate rents. They rarely do repairs unless threatened with legal action.

3. Estate agents or property companies that manage large numbers of propertis, generally older ones with long tenancies and fairly low rents. Companies such as Globe Brothers or Chesters or Pembertons Estates. They don't manage their properties very well and won't do much more than the most urgent repairs. All they're worried about is collecting the rent regularly with no fuss and bother and they need to be pushed hard before they'll do anything.

In all cases where repairs are needed it's important to get in touch with the Public Health Dept as soon as possible If you are not satisfied with them, get in touch with your local advice centre, who can discuss the best way of getting your repairs done. If the're relatively minor it's possible to have them done yourself and deduct the bill from your rent - but you MUST seek advice before you do this. Major repairs can best be dealt with by threatening court action if your landlord persistently won't do them: it's possible to take him to court and compel him to do repairs; in extreme cases the Corporation may take over the property and do the repairs themselves.

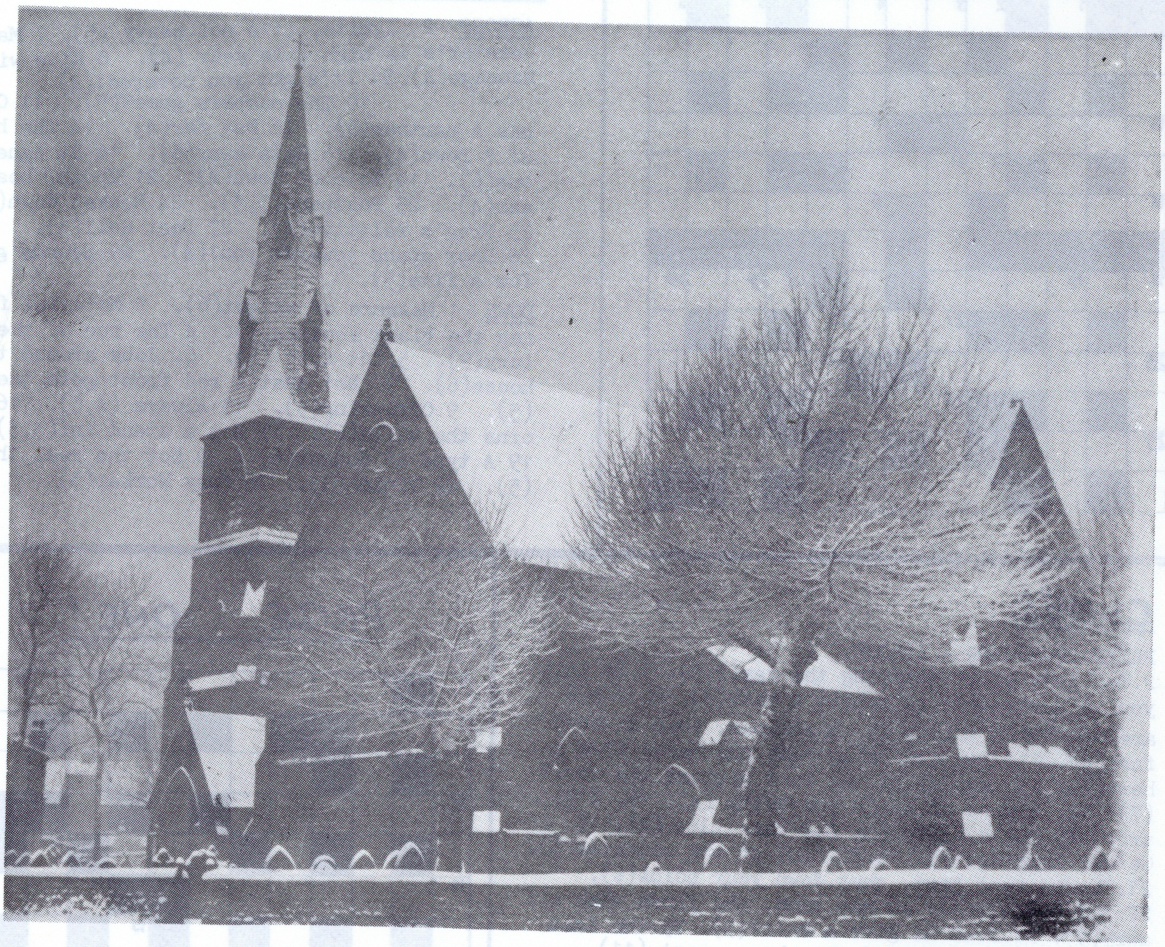
## Seek Advice

Landlords aren't there for the good of their tenants, they're there to make a profit In return for collecting rent off you its their obligation to keep the property in a good state of repair Don't put up with long-standing repairs - seek advice now!

## Where to Go

Levenshulme Neighbourhood Centre, 44 Chapel St, 248 7938
Slade Lane Neighbourhood Centre, 642 Stockport Rd, 248 6348.
Law Centre, 595 Stockport Rd 225 5111.
Public Health Dept, Town Hall, Albert Square, 236 3377

# HISTORY of LONGSIGHT



Picture: St. John's Church

FROM THE MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS 27-2-1909

LONGSIGHT IN THE FIFTIES AND SIXTIES ( EIGHTEEN FIFTIES AND SIXTIES, THAT IS). From a letter to the paper by A. H. MEGSON.

60 years ago Longsight was one of the most rural suburbs of Manchester. Its highways and byways were picturesque and pleasant. I well remember when the footpath that extended from Plymouth Grove to Birch Lane was protected by iron chains, attached to white painted posts, about 10 feet apart, similar to those of more recent date in Plymouth Grove. Very few of the houses of that time remain today. Longsight Hall, Surrey Terrace, and the large white house (Thornville), then occupied by Mr Robert Barnes (Mayor of Mancester in 1851) are the only ones that I recollect. The Independent Chapel, better known as Ive Chapel, was then a red brick building, and as a child I attended its Sunday School. The present structure was opened in October 1852 and cost £5,000; Mr Sutcliffe was the minister. St Johns Church was built in the 40s and the Rev Mr Doby was at that time rector. The only other place of worship in the village at that time was a cottage used by the Wesleyans, and an old resident named Brereton led the singing with his double bass.

Belle Vue Gardens were surrounded by black boards and the entrance was, I think, through a white - washed house. I remember witnessing the first pyrotechnic display, the tableau being the Battle of Alma.

There was no railway to Derby 60 years ago, and my great delight as a child was to watch the yellow painted coach "Celerity", with its four-in-hand, and driver, in red coat and white hat, pass through the village. 2 small omnibuses plied between Longsight and Manchester. One was driven by a portly man named Whittington. Early in the 50s a Mr McEwen established a service of omnibuses, prettily painted in plaid designs, drawn by 3 horses abreast, which made periodical journeys from the corner of Kirkmanshulme Lane to the town.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT TIME.....CAN ANY READERS LEND US OLD PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE HISTORY COLUMN? THEY WILL OF COURSE BE TREATED WITH EXTREME CARE AND RETURNED WITHOUT DAMAGE.

# Crossword

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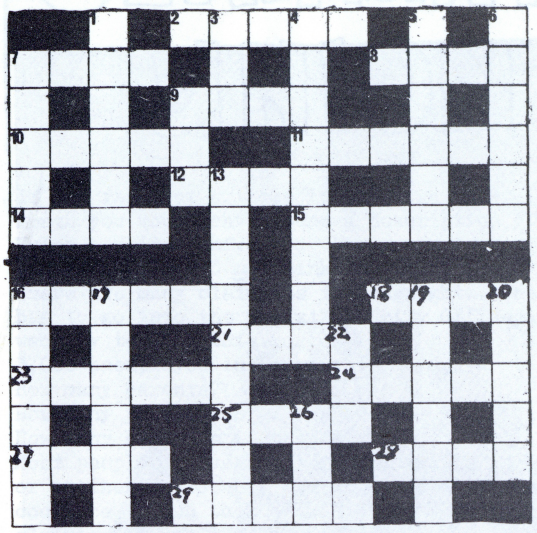


## QUICK CLUES

ACROSS 2 Ignite, it's not heavy (5). 7 Manchester's is high this year (4). 8 Nice with sausage(4). 9. It's got you covered!(4) 10 The numbers game?(5). 11 Often has a partner(6). 12 Not far(4). 14 The house of 7 Down(4). 15 Gets away(6). 16 St Agnes' has one(6). 18 To cool down(4). 21 Tooth, head or ear(4). 23 Postpone(3,3). 24 Booked down(5). 25 Frog's relative(4). 27 Beat well(4). 28 Door opens towards you!(4). 29 Sounds good for a fire(5).

DOWN 1 Measure of weight(6). 3 Material for making the black squares(3). 4 The run of the century(9). 5 Cut into (6). 6. Jobs around the house(6). 7. Not just a red front gets the bird (5). 9 Offspring(3). 13 Always (4,5). 16 Adorns the walls(6). 17 Not a stand in!(3,3). 19 A type of dodger(6). 20 Not the real thing (5). 22 Finish(3). 26 Busy Worker(3)

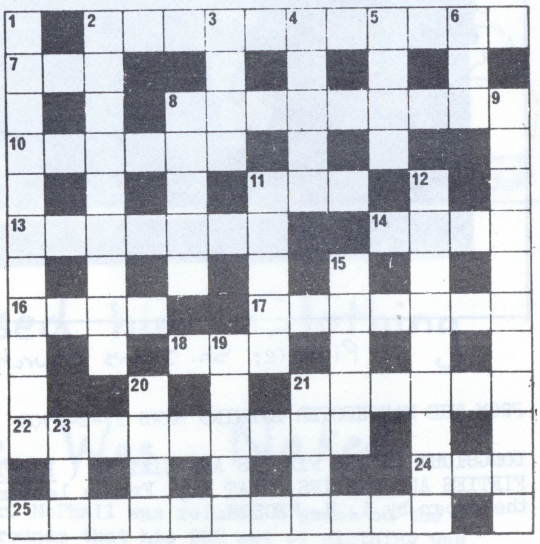
## CLUES.

PRIZE CROSSWORD - ACROSS

2.Ta, base kraft starting the day(2,9). 7.In this you'll never undo, a rabbit's path(3). 8. J & N are rolling in this(5,4). 10.Cripes, they do move fast(6). 11. You can bring home the bacon from h here(3). 13. Wonder if the foot noticed the tool? (7). 14. Source of Ken's jam butty (4). 16. I'll probably get a dirty one for this clue (4). 17. Gather together(7). 18.Painful on the knuckles(3). 21.Thanks bent bent, shut down your holds(6). 22.Sid looks round at his team, and finds them all awry(9). 24.Does he give a hoot?(3). 25.The last 6 of 22 will be this if they keep apart.(11).

DOWN. 1.If you do the hound will get away(4,3,4,) 2.Ain't no French article one mixed, that opposes organization(4,5). 3.Mixed up sailors leave first (4). 4. In a vertical position to prevent 5.Beginning of French number 24 gets the bird (4). 6.Title (3). 8.A feeling it's common(5). 9.At top efficiency(11). 11.Inundate in a muddy flat(5). 12. With the beginning of time this wood couldn't be beaten(9). 15. The bard gains nothing for a wet way in Norfolk(5). 19.The media's bete noir is a little devil when you mix him up and give him a penny(2,3). 20.In fact it appears to augur unwell for a teacher(4). 21.Popular beverage(4). 23.Handles vast quantities of 21 Lown.(3).

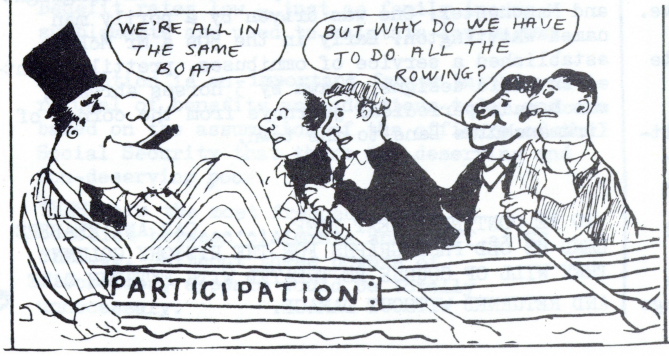
## PRIZE ONE!



QUICK CROSSWORD SOLUTION

DOWN 1 Stones. 3 Ink. 4 Hundredth. 5 Lanced. 6 Chores. 7 Robin. 9 Son. 13 Ever after. 16 Papers. 17 Sit out. 19 Artful. 20 Model. 22 End. 26 Ant.

ACROSS 2 Light. 7 Hate 8 Mash. 9 Skin. 10 Bingo. 11 dancer 12 Near. 14 Nest. 15 Eludes. 16 Pastor. 18 Calm. 21 Ache. 23 Putoff. 24 Noted. 25 Toad. 27 Rout. 28 pull 29 Grate.

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# ANSON v. NEWTON HEATH

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There were a number of infringements and the referee cautioned and took the names of a number of players. Just before half time Dave Barton scored a brilliant goal for the Anson but this turned out to be the only one they scored, and the match finished 4-1 for Newton Heath.

In spite of the disappointment of losing the match for the DIV cup the Anson FC have a proud record for the season, winning - the first game of the season 12-2 against the LAKE HOTEL, and the finish of the season was a 12 goal victory against the SPANKING ROGERS with a score of 3 goals. The Anson's leading goal scorers were Steve Mannion who scored 6 in one match, 37 in all this season, and Dave Marton who scored 5 in another match. The Anson's proud record was shown by having scored more goals than the first, second, and third divisions with a total of 113 goals. The "Ansonians" are also in the subsidiary round of a cup and look forward to adding this to their proud record.

Tense Moment in the Penalty Area

Anson Beats Off The Attack

## Trophies

At a small ceremony on the ground surrounded by their supporters, both teams were presented with their awards; the Runners Up Trophy for the ANSON and the Division Cup for NEWTON HEATH. The Anson team returned to the Anson Hotel, where Steve Mannion was asked to stand and receive the congratulations of the club, and a medalion for being the most outstanding player of the season.

The teamspirit and the good wishes of their supporters have brought a CONFIDENT HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. The secretary BERNAD MCLELLAN has now resigned and welcomes the new secretary BILLY HURST. Bernad also wishes to thank all members & supporters for a succesfull year and wishes the team good luck for the coming season. Also the team would like to say they are very proud of the Team Manager, CHARLIE BURNS.

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